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4 in 10 say next vehicle may be electric: AP-NORC/EPIC poll

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Many Americans aren't yet sold on going electric for their next cars, a new poll shows, with high prices and too few charging stations the main deterrents. About 4 in 10 U.S. adults are at least somewhat likely to switch, but the history-making shift from the country's century-plus love affair with gas-driven vehicles still has a ways to travel. The poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of

Chicago shows that the Biden administration's plans to dramatically raise U.S. EV sales could run into resistance from consumers. Only 8% of U.S. adults say they or someone in their household owns or leases an electric vehicle, and just 8% say their household has a plug-in hybrid vehicle. Even with tax credits of up to \$7,500 to buy a new EV, it could be difficult to persuade drivers to ditch their gas-burning cars and trucks for vehicles without tailpipe emissions.



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A motorist charges his electric vehicle at a Tesla Supercharger station in Detroit, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022.

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4 in 10 say next vehicle may be electric: AP-NORC/EPIC poll

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Auto companies are investing billions in factories and battery technology in an effort to speed up the switch to EVs to cut pollution and fight climate change. Under a greenhouse gas emissions proposal from the Environmental Protection Agency, about two-thirds of all new vehicle sales could have to be EVs by 2032. President Joe Biden has set a goal that up to half of all new vehicle sales be electric by 2030 to cut emissions and fight climate change. But only 19% of U.S. adults say it's "very" or "extremely" likely they would purchase an electric vehicle the next time they buy a car, according to the poll, and 22% say it's somewhat likely. About half — 47% — say it's not likely they would go electric. Six in 10 said the high cost is a major reason they wouldn't and about a quarter cited it as a minor reason. Only 16% said the high cost would not be a factor in rejecting the EV. New electric vehicles now



An electric vehicle is plugged into a charger in Los Angeles, Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022.

Associated Press

cost an average of more than \$58,000, according to Kelley Blue Book, a price that's beyond the reach of many U.S. households. (The average vehicle sold in the U.S. costs just under \$46,000.) Tax credits approved under last year's Inflation Reduction Act are designed to bring EV prices down and attract more buyers. But new rules proposed by

the U.S. Treasury Department could result in fewer electric vehicles qualifying for a full \$7,500 federal tax credit later. Many vehicles will only be eligible for half the full credit, \$3,750, an amount that may not be enough to entice them away from less-costly gasoline-powered vehicles. About three-quarters say too few charging stations is

a reason they wouldn't go electric, including half who call it a major reason. Two-thirds cite a preference for gasoline vehicles as a major or minor reason they won't go electric. "I'm an internal combustion engine kind of guy," said Robert Piascik, 65, a musician who lives in Westerville, Ohio, a Columbus suburb. "I can't see myself spending a premium to buy something that I don't like as much as the lower-priced option."

Although he has nothing against EVs and would consider buying one as the technology improves and prices fall, Piascik said the shorter traveling range, lack of places to charge and long refueling times would make it harder for him to go on trips. In his 2017 BMW 3-Series, all he has to do is pull into a gas station and fill up in minutes, Piascik said. "The early adopters have to put up with a lack of infrastructure," he said.

Biden has set a goal of 500,000 EV charging stations nationwide, and \$5 billion from the 2021 infrastructure law has been set aside to install or upgrade chargers along 75,000 miles (120,000 kilometers) of highway from coast to coast.

Electric car giant Tesla will, for the first time, make some of its charging stations available to all U.S. electric vehicles by the end

of next year, under a plan announced in February by the White House. The plan to open the nation's largest and most reliable charging network to all drivers is a potential game-changer in promoting EV use, experts say.

High prices and a lack of available chargers are cited by at least half of Democrats and Republicans as main reasons for not buying an EV, but there's a partisan divide in how Americans view electric vehicles. About half of Republicans, 54%, say a preference for gasoline-powered vehicles is a major reason for not buying an EV, while only 29% of Democrats say that.

James Rogers of Sacramento, California, a Democrat who voted for Biden, calls climate change an urgent problem, and he supports Biden's overall approach. Still, he does not own an EV and isn't planning to buy one, saying the price must come down and the charging infrastructure upgraded.

Even with a tax credit that could put the average price for a new EV close to \$50,000, "it's too much" money, said Rogers, 62, a retired customer service representative. He's willing to pay as much as \$42,000 for an EV and hopes the market will soon drive prices down, Rogers said.

In an encouraging finding for EV proponents, the poll shows 55% of adults under 30 say they are at least somewhat likely they will get an electric vehicle next time, as do 49% of adults ages 30 to 44, compared with just 31% of those 45 and older.

And people in the U.S. do see the benefits to an EV. Saving money on gasoline is the main factor cited by those who want to buy an EV, with about three-quarters of U.S. adults calling it a major or minor reason.

Making an impact on climate change is another big reason many would buy an EV, with 35% saying that reducing their personal impact on the climate is a major reason and 31% saying it's a minor reason. □

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Dems tap Chicago for 2024 convention, cite critical Midwest

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)— Democrats announced Tuesday that they will hold their party's 2024 national convention in Chicago, choosing the biggest liberal city in the Midwest as they try to keep the momentum going after a strong mid-term election performance in the key battleground region. Organizers from Chicago, Atlanta and New York spent months lobbying to be the site of the convention, but the final decision lay with President Joe Biden, who is expected to formally launch his reelection campaign in the coming weeks.

"Chicago is a great choice," Biden, who was flying to Northern Ireland, said in a statement. "Democrats will gather to showcase our historic progress including building an economy from the middle out and bottom up, not from the top down."

The Democratic National Committee said its convention would be held Aug. 19-22 and noted that Illinois, along with Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, was part of the critical Midwestern "blue wall," which was key to Democrats' success in the 2020 and 2022 elections. That rosy language omits the fact that Michigan and Wisconsin narrowly broke for Donald Trump in 2016, helping the Republican win the White House.

Chicago is solidly Democratic, as is Illinois. But holding the party's presidential nominating gathering in such a pro-union city demonstrates Biden's commitment to organized labor. The move also could counter Republicans, who are holding their 2024 convention in Milwaukee, located in another swing Midwestern state, Wisconsin.

Republican National Committee Chairman Ronna McDaniel blasted Democrats' "radical agenda" and predicted that voters "will soundly reject whichever out-of-touch liberal the Democrats nominate in Chicago." The conven-



The Chicago city skyline is covered by the fog lifted off Lake Michigan on Aug. 5, 2022, in Chicago. Associated Press

tion will be held at the United Center, home to the NBA's Chicago Bulls and the Chicago Blackhawks of the NHL. Chicago made sense for logistical reasons, with plenty of hotel space and public transportation. The city is also home to major Democratic donors who can help with raising money to cover costs of a convention. That includes Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, a billionaire businessman and heir to the Hyatt hotel fortune who has contributed millions to Democratic causes and candidates, and was a major proponent for his city getting the convention.

The DNC said that Chicago represents the party's diversity and "formidable coalition" and that the Midwest will "showcase President Biden's economic agenda" including spending on public works as part of a sweeping bipartisan infrastructure package that cleared Congress in 2021. The 2020 Democratic convention was supposed to be held in Milwaukee but unfolded virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic. Biden delivered a speech accepting his party's nomination that year at a nearly empty convention center in Wilmington, Delaware. Chicago hosted the infamous 1968 Democratic convention, which is best remembered for a brutal clash between police and protesters op-

posing the Vietnam War. The last Democratic National Convention in the

city was in 1996, when President Bill Clinton was headed to a second term. Pritz-

ker promised Tuesday that the convention would be an "unforgettable event." He had pointed to Democrats' desires to expand their Midwestern electoral gains, particularly in Michigan, where their party held the governorship and won control of both chambers of the Legislature during last fall's midterms.

That Chicago beat out Atlanta was nonetheless a surprise given Georgia's strategic importance as a swing state. Biden won Georgia two years ago, becoming the first Democrat to do so in a presidential election since Clinton in 1992, and his party now controls both of its Senate seats after wins that drew national attention the last two cycles. □

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Theranos' Elizabeth Holmes loses bid to stay out of prison

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**
AP Technology Writer

Disgraced Theranos CEO Elizabeth Holmes has been rebuffed in her attempt to stay out of federal prison while she appeals her conviction for the fraud she committed while overseeing a blood-testing scam that exposed Silicon Valley's dark side.

In an 11-page ruling issued late Monday, U.S. District Judge Edward Davila concluded there wasn't compelling enough evidence to allow Holmes to remain free on bail while her lawyers try to persuade an appeals court that alleged misconduct during her four-month trial led to an unjust verdict.

The judge's decision means Holmes, 39, will have to surrender to authorities April 27 to start the more than 11-year prison sentence that Davila imposed in November. The punishment came 10 months after a jury found her guilty on four counts of fraud and conspiracy against the Theranos investors who believed in her promises to revolutionize the health care industry.

Holmes had accompanied her lawyers to a San Jose, California, courtroom on



Former Theranos CEO Elizabeth Holmes leaves federal court in San Jose, Calif., March 17, 2023.
Associated Press

March 17 to try to convince Davila that various missteps by federal prosecutors, and the omission of key evidence, will culminate in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals exonerating her.

Holmes' prison sentence is scheduled to start roughly 20 years after she dropped out of Stanford University when she was 19 years old to start Theranos in Palo Alto, California the same city where William Hewlett and David Packard founded a company bearing their surnames in a small

garage and planted the seeds of what grew into Silicon Valley.

Holmes could still file another appeal of Davila's latest ruling, a maneuver her co-conspirator at Theranos Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani successfully used to delay his scheduled March 16 date to begin a nearly 13-year prison sentence. But the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals last week rejected that appeal, and Balwani is now scheduled to report to a Southern California prison on April 20.

Davila has recommended Holmes serve her sentence in a Bryan, Texas, prison. It hasn't yet been publicly confirmed if that will be the facility where she reports. Unless she can find a way to stay free, Holmes will be separated from the two children she had leading up to the trial and after her conviction.

Her first child, a boy, was born shortly before her trial began in September 2021. The youngest child, whose gender hasn't been disclosed in court documents,

was born at some point after her November sentencing. She conceived both with her current partner, William "Billy" Evans, whom she met after breaking up with Balwani in the midst of Theranos' downfall.

The denial of Holmes' request to remain free is the latest twist in a long-running saga that has already been the subject of an acclaimed HBO documentary and an award-winning Hulu TV series.

Although they had separate trials, Holmes and Balwani were accused of essentially the same crimes centered on a ruse touting Theranos' blood-testing system as a breakthrough in health care.

The claims helped the company become a Silicon Valley sensation that raised nearly \$1 billion from investors and at one point anointed Holmes with a \$4.5 billion fortune, based on her 50% stake in Theranos. Holmes also parlayed the buzz surrounding Theranos to speaking engagements on the same stage as former President Bill Clinton and glowing cover stories in business publications that likened her to tech visionaries such as Apple co-founder Steve Jobs. □

Report: U of Minnesota 'committed genocide' of Native people

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The University of Minnesota should hire more Native American faculty, offer students additional financial support and give back land to atone for its historic mistreatment of the state's tribes, a report conducted through a collaboration with the school concluded Tuesday.

The report said that the university's founding board of regents "committed genocide and ethnic cleansing of Indigenous peoples for financial gain, using the institution as a shell corporation through which to launder lands and resources."

Totalling more than 500 pages, the report marks the first time a major American

university has critically examined its history with Native people, said Shannon Geshick, executive director of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and a mem-

ber of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

The report is the result of a collaborative effort between the council and the university called the TRUTH

Project short for Towards Recognition and University-Tribal Healing which has received funding from the Mellon Foundation, Minnesota Public Radio reported. "The TRUTH Project just rips that open and really reveals a narrative that a lot of people I think just don't know," Geshick said.

The effort draws on archival records, oral histories and other sources to examine through an Indigenous lens the troubled history between Native people and the state's flagship university.

The university stopped short of saying whether it would adopt the recommendations but thanked researchers in a statement for what

they called their "truth-telling."

The project started following a series of reports in the publication High Country News in 2020 revealing how universities around the country were founded on the proceeds of land that was taken from tribes through the 1862 Morrill Act. That included a financial bonanza dubbed the "Minnesota windfall" that channeled more than \$500 million to the fledgling University of Minnesota from leases and sales of land taken from the Dakota tribe after the federal government hanged 38 Dakota men in Mankato, Minnesota, in December 1862, ending the U.S.-Dakota war. □



A woman walks on campus at University of Minnesota on April 21, 2020, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

U.S., Philippines hold largest war drills near disputed waters

By JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

American and Filipino forces on Tuesday launched their largest combat exercises in decades in the Philippines and its waters across the disputed South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait, where Washington has repeatedly warned China over its increasingly aggressive actions.

The annual drills by the long-time treaty allies called Balikatan Tagalog for “shoulder-to-shoulder” will run up to April 28 and involve more than 17,600 military personnel. It will be the latest display of American firepower in Asia, as the Biden administration strengthens an arc of alliances to better counter China, including in a possible confrontation over Taiwan, an island democracy that Beijing claims as its own.

That dovetails with efforts by the Philippines under President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to defend its territorial interests in the South China Sea, which China claims virtually in its entirety, by boosting joint military exercises with the U.S. and allowing rotating batches



U.S. Marine Corps MGEN Eric Austin, U.S. Exercise Director Representative, right, and Philippine Army MGEN Marvin Licudine, second left, Philippine Exercise Director, unfurl the joint military exercise flag called “Balikatan,” a Tagalog word for “shoulder-to-shoulder,” during opening ceremonies at Camp Aguinaldo military headquarters Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in Quezon City, Philippines.

of American forces to stay in additional Philippine military camps under a 2014 defense pact.

“The relationships that we have, that we build into these exercises, will make us faster to respond to conflict, crisis, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief,” U.S. Marine Maj. Gen. Eric Austin said. About 12,200 U.S. military personnel, 5,400

Filipino forces and 111 Australian counterparts are taking part in the exercises, the largest since Balikatan started three decades ago. The drills will showcase U.S. warships, fighter jets as well as Patriot missiles, HIMARS rocket launchers and anti-tank Javelins, according to U.S. and Philippine military officials. In a live-fire drill the allies will stage for the first

time, U.S. and Filipino forces will sink a target ship in the Philippine territorial waters off the western province of Zambales on April 26, in a coordinated inland and coastal artillery bombardment and airstrike, Col. Michael Logico, a Philippine spokesman for Balikatan, told reporters.

“We have to fire at a target that is closer to what we

would expect in an actual threat, which is an intrusion coming from an adversary by sea,” Logico told reporters. “We are demonstrating that we are combat ready.” Asked if Marcos raised any concern that Beijing may be antagonized by the rocket-firing near the busy waterway that China considers its territory, Logico said that did not come up when he briefed the president about the event. Marcos wants to witness the live-fire drill, he said. In western Palawan province, which faces the South China Sea, the exercises will involve retaking an island captured by enemy forces, Logico said.

Philippine military officials said the maneuvers were aimed at bolstering the country’s coastal defense and disaster-response capabilities and were not aimed at any country.

Such field scenarios will “test the allies’ capabilities in combined arms live-fire, information and intelligence sharing, communications between maneuver units, logistics operations, amphibious operations,” the U.S. Embassy in Manila said. □

Polish leader heads to U.S. to further strengthen defense ties

WARSAW, Poland (AP)

— Poland’s Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki flew Tuesday to the United States for meetings aimed at strengthening the economic and defense coop-

eration of the two nations. Morawiecki is due to meet with Vice President Kamala Harris on Tuesday at the White House for talks including on further support for Ukraine. He is also

scheduled to have meetings with the representatives of American defense companies during his three-day visit.

“I am flying to the United States to strengthen the alliance with our most powerful ally, with a country that guarantees security in Europe, that especially guarantees security in our part of Europe,” Morawiecki said.

Following Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine last year, the United States increased its military presence in Poland a nation on NATO’s eastern flank that borders Ukraine and Russia’s Kaliningrad exclave and has used Poland as a transit country for military and humanitarian aid going into Ukraine.

Poland is also a major donor of aid to Ukraine, and has been ordering fighter jets, tanks and other modern military equipment, mostly from U.S. and South Korean producers, to strengthen its own forces and replace some older equipment sent to Ukraine.

As Europe seeks to gain energy independence, Poland is also planning to build nuclear power plants, and has chosen the U.S. government and Westinghouse as its partners for its first plant, to be opened in 2033.

Before departing Warsaw early Tuesday, Morawiecki told reporters at the airport that Polish-American relations “have not been so good for a long time, and perhaps they have never

been so strong.”

He said his talks with the U.S. defense industry will also include talks on financing the billions of dollars of current and planned purchases. Poland is buying U.S. F-35 fighter jets, Abrams tanks, HIMARS artillery systems and Patriot missile launching units.

Morawiecki’s visit follows two visits to Poland by U.S. President Joe Biden since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy also paid an official visit to Warsaw last week.

The prime minister said Poland’s alliance with the U.S. is “an absolute foundation of our security.”

“It is based on two pillars: economic and defense cooperation. □



Poland’s Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki leaves after an EU summit at the European Council building in Brussels, on March 24, 2023.

Associated Press

Airstrikes on Myanmar village feared to have killed 100

By GRANT PECK

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Airstrikes by Myanmar's military on Tuesday killed as many as 100 people, including many children, who were attending a ceremony held by opponents of army rule, said a witness, a member of a local pro-democracy group and independent media. The military is increasingly using airstrikes to counter a widespread armed struggle against its rule, which began in February 2021 when it seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. More than 3,000 civilians are estimated to have been killed since then by security forces.

A witness told The Associated Press that a fighter jet dropped bombs directly into a crowd of people who were gathering at 8 a.m. for the opening of a local office of the country's opposition movement outside Pazigy village in Sagaing region's Kanbalu township. The area is about 110 kilometers (70 miles) north of Mandalay, the country's second largest city.

About half an hour later, a helicopter appeared and fired at the site, said the witness, who asked not to be identified because he feared punishment by the



This photo provided by the Kyunhla Activists Group shows aftermath of an airstrike in Pazigy village in Sagaing Region's Kanbalu Township, Myanmar, Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Associated Press

authorities. Initial reports put the death toll at around 50, but later tallies reported by independent media raised it to about 100. It was impossible to independently confirm details of the incident because reporting is restricted by the military government.

"I was standing a short distance from the crowd when a friend of mine contacted me on the phone about the approach of a fighter jet," the witness said. "The jet dropped bombs directly on the crowd, and I jumped into a nearby ditch and hid. A few moments later, when I stood up and looked around, I saw people cut to pieces and dead in the smoke. The office building was destroyed by fire. About 30 people were

injured. While the wounded were being transported, a helicopter arrived and shot more people. We are now cremating the bodies quickly." About 150 people had gathered for the opening ceremony, and women and 20-30 children were among the dead, he said, adding that those killed also included leaders of locally formed anti-government armed groups and other opposition organizations. "This heinous act by the terrorist military is yet another example of their indiscriminate use of extreme force against innocent civilians, constituting a war crime," the opposition National Unity Government said in a statement. The NUG calls itself the country's legitimate government, in opposition

to the army. The office being opened Tuesday was part of its administrative network. The military government's spokesperson, Maj. Gen. Zaw Min Tun, acknowledged in a statement phoned to state television MRTV that the ceremony had been attacked, but accused anti-government forces in the area of carrying out a violent campaign of terror. He said the People's Defense Forces the armed wing of the National Unity Government had terrorized residents into supporting them, killing Buddhist monks, teachers and other people, while the military sought peace and stability. He said there was evidence the attack had set off secondary blasts of explosives hidden by the

People's Defense Forces around the site.

In response to accusations of abuses, the military government often accuses pro-democracy forces of terrorism. But analysts for the United Nations and non-governmental organizations have gathered credible evidence of large-scale human rights abuses by the army, including the burning of entire villages and displacement of more than a million people, triggering a humanitarian crisis. The death toll from Tuesday's air attack, if confirmed, could be the highest in more than two years of civil conflict that began when the army seized power in 2021. As many as 80 people were killed last October in another government air attack in northern Myanmar on an anniversary celebration of the Kachin ethnic minority's main political organization, which is also battling the military government.

Myanmar has been in turmoil since the army takeover triggered widespread popular opposition. After peaceful demonstrations were put down with lethal force, many opponents of military rule took up arms, and large parts of the country are now embroiled in conflict. □

1st woman to lead U.K. communications intelligence agency GCHQ

LONDON (AP) — Anne Keast-Butler, who has spent 30 years working in national security for Britain, was named Tuesday as the first woman to head the U.K.'s communications intelligence agency. Keast-Butler, currently deputy director general at MI5, the domestic intelligence agency, will head the Government Communications Headquarters better known as GCHQ. Her appointment comes as intelligence agencies focus on threats from Russia and China.

"Anne Keast-Butler has an

impressive track record working at the heart of the U.K.'s national security network; helping to counter threats posed by terrorists, cyber-criminals and malign foreign powers," Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said in announcing her appointment.

In her current post, Keast-Butler has been responsible for operational, investigative and protective security work that included preparing for and responding to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Keast-Butler will start her new job in May, replacing Jeremy Fleming, who an-

nounced in January that he would step down after six years in the post.

She's the first woman to lead a U.K. intelligence agency since Eliza Manningham-Buller retired from MI5 in 2007.

Keast-Butler said she was looking forward to returning to the agency where she previously worked as head of counter terrorism and serious organized crime.

GCHQ collects intelligence through communications to prevent cyber-attacks, terrorism and espionage.

"GCHQ's mission to keep the U.K. safe is as inspiring



Undated handout photo issued by GCHQ of Anne Keast-Butler. Associated Press

today as it was when it was founded more than 100 years ago, operating at the very heart of the U.K. and our allies' response to some of the most challenging issues of our time," Keast-Butler said.

In the past year, the agency has provided intelligence on the Ukraine invasion, helped disrupt terror plots and tried to stop ransomware attacks, Keast-Butler said. □

Mr. Adi Martis thanked for his valuable contribution in the preservation of the Aruban history

(Oranjestad)—Recently, the minister of culture, Xiomara Maduro, had the pleasure to meet and talk with aruban historian Mr. Adi Martis, who published his "History of Aruba until 1816."

In this book, Mr. Adi describes pre-colonial Aruba (2500BC-1500AC), the time that Aruba was under Spanish rule (1499-1634), the period in which the island was apart of the West-Indian Company (1636-1791) and the time that Aruba left the English dominion into the hands of the Dutch (1792-1816).

During this time when the Dutch kingdom is focusing

more on the history and the consequences of slavery in present society, it is important for us in Aruba to look for and learn more about our island nation's history. By knowing our history, we can have a better comprehension of our customs, our present, our relationship with the Dutch kingdom and we can focus on our future. The investigation and documentation by Dr. Adi definitely provides this opportunity for the Aruban community to learn more about the island's history.

Minister Maduro thanks Dr. Adi for his time, work and contribution to the historia of the island. □



(Oranjestad)—The flights from British Airways created new opportunities for Aruba in the European market. British Airways will be selling flights to Aruba, but also travel packages through British Airways Holidays and other tour operators. This opens new doors seeing as through this, Aruba has the opportunity to reach a wider audience.

On the inaugural flight on arch 26th, there was a small group of tour operators from England that

came to visit the island as part of the familiarization trip (FAM trip), along with representatives from British Airways and A.T.A. These



On the inaugural flight from British Airways: English tour operators came to know Aruba

types of familiarization trip create the opportunity for operators to absorb more of the island as a destination, but also to share their own experiences with their clients.

Participants had stayed for a few days at Tamarijn All Inclusive Hotel, and another few days at Renaissance Wind Creek Aruba Resort in order to experiences the different areas and hotel product. They also visited the Boardwalk Botique Hotel, Ritz Carlton Aruba, Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino, Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort and Aruba Ocean Villas. They also participated in a tour of the island to see and learn

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steak, fish cake, grilled salmon, mixed seafood or seafood rice (paella local style) combined with sides of vegetables, french fries, rice, plantain, the island's traditional 'pan bati' (slapped bread) or funchi (cornmeal cake).

Each and every dish is made with passion, love and dedication. Yes... even the fried ones! There are also pasta, meat and poultry options plus a kid-friendly menu with crispy chicken or fish nuggets, cheese burgers, mac & cheese and kid tenderloin.

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Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Milagros Garden Aruba

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The honoring certification program is granted to ambassadors, to recognize, the loyalty, friendships, and visits to Aruba. For consecutively choosing Aruba as their preferred vacation destination each year. The Honoring certification program

has three levels, which are divided according to the number of consecutive years visiting the island.

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Ms. Olga Ruiz representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of Milagros Garden Aruba bestowed the certification of the Ambassadors. The honorees were presented with the Distinguished Certification, and with memorable gifts of Aruba.

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There are two trolleys, a single-deck one with 42 seats and a double-decker with 64 seats. The line was inspired by the popular battery-powered streetcar operation at the Grove in Los Angeles, USA. Aruba's streetcars are powered by hydrogen fuel cells, which are charged by the island's year-round trade winds.

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Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Tiffany and Beau from Delaware, U.S.A.** They were happy to say that Aruba definitely met their expectations. Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

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Aruba, between captured and slaves

Episode CCI - 201

Destination values, native heritage, and cultural identity are what Etnia Nativa advocates for as its own particular way of safeguarding all reasons to love Aruba. Through this cultural blog, "Island-Insight," we share awareness, educate, and safeguard native heritage. It is how we encourage you to experiment with an island-keeper state of mind during your stay.

In Aruba, the history of slavery presents itself with a particular situation since the law prohibited indigenous people from being considered "catibo" or captured, and no one had been "brought" from Africa.

Around 1776, the first two names of black slaves became known: Cecilia, a black slave of Bernardino Silvester, and Apolinar, a black slave of Jacob Alvarez. Silvester and Alvarez were two families from Alto Vista Noord.

Records from 1820 indicate that Aruba had 331 persons deprived of freedom, of whom 157 were indigenous and 174 blacks; 15 blacks were born here, and 19 blacks had arrived as free men from abroad, bought and freed by generous natives.

Although the law did not allow indigenous people to be "catibo", in practice it was different, and the legal situation of the indigenous people "brought" to our island from Guajira was not very clear. In an 1824 baptismal record, it is mentioned: "Jacobus, about 5 years old, Main Coast Indian of unknown parents." In the same file, there are 32 names of other Guajira children who performed domestic chores or were considered "adoptive children." These children did not receive a formal education since at that time there was no school, and despite being baptized, they were denied a "catholic burial", mentioning only their first name, without their last names, as: "Jacobus de La Guajira".

Testimonies passed from generation to generation assure us that these children were "stolen or captured in Guajira" and brought to our island.

They used to be called "catibo cora" or red slaves. We don't know if the government counted them as "catibo". The testimonies assure that Jan Hendrik Semeleer had three of these children from La Guajira, but he



did not call them "catibo" but consider them as his own children.

Written testimonies by Pastor L. Jansen in the early 1900s say that Aruba treated its "catibo" as free people (see episode 108, about a slave from Argelia bought in Curacao and freed by prosecutor Alvarez in 1763 to live in Aruba).

When the children of the "catibo" were baptized, their godfather and godmother were the same as those of the adoptive family; this shows the good relationship that existed; while in Bonaire, only "another slave" could be "godfather or godmother of the baptism", and Bonaire also did not allow marriage between "slaves" because "they had no civil rights." Meanwhile, the records of Aruba show that in 1823, eight names of legitimate marriages of "catibo" were recorded; however, they were originally from Venezuela.

After the abolition, many "slaves" continued to live with the same family who owned them, as in the specific case of Beatrice Sierbol with the Figaroa family, whom they called "Ma Tichi."

Before the emancipation, "a catibo", or black slave, could buy their freedom for 400 florins, and also the children "of the catibo" were declared free.

Beginning in 1863, approximately one hundred new names of former slaves were registered for Aruba. Many of which have disappeared over time.

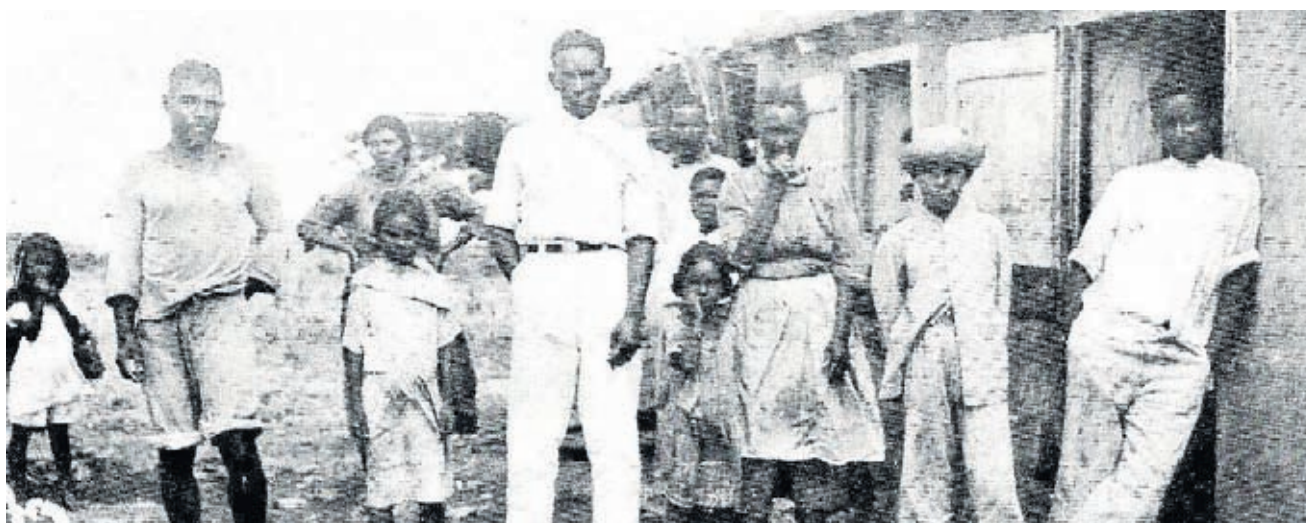
We can even recognize some of these surnames by the odd way they were formed using the Dutch language, like Knuppel (means club) or Goudstraet (means gold street) -etc. or other name compositions from Bonaire, like "Goedgedrag (means good behavior), -Braafhart (means good heart), -Scherptong (means sharp tongue), etc.

From those times, catibo, black slaves, and the common free people were mixed through marriage; therefore, "slavery" in Aruba covers a different story since although it existed legally, in terms of mistreatment and oppression, very little is known.

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Thayisa Farro: “Dancing has and continues to bring joy in my life”

(Oranjestad)—Thayisa Zieryani Farro is a young adult who has been, since very young, active in different hobbies. As an adult and currently working as a tax advisor, she still participates in activities and continues to practice her hobbies. In a special interview with our Aruba Today, she shares her life story, her hobbies and how she hopes to continue to be active for many more years to come.

BDA: Tell us a bit about yourself and your childhood.

Farro: “Aside from school, I had a very active childhood, where I had taken dance lessons, cuatro lessons, ping-pong and drawing lessons. Out of all these activities, it was dancing that I loved the most. After I finished primary school, I attended Colegio Arubano secondary school and at that time I knew that if I didn’t finish home work or finish studying, I would not be allowed to go to dance lessons, no matter how much I cried and begged.

Besides these things, I spent a long time with family, especially my sibling and cousins. We spent a lot of hours playing outside, going to the beach, riding bikes and playing ball games. It was a fun time.”

BDA: How old were you when you started in the dance world? And why did you choose dancing?

Farro: “I started ballet lessons at 4 years old at Simadanza with Miss Ina Profet. My mom put me in these lessons, because she never had the opportunity herself to do this. I ended up loving ballet after a few lessons. From there my love for dancing grew. Besides the lessons at Simadanza, I also danced with Pierewietje, with Miss Martha Figueroa. When I turned 10 years old, I started folklore lessons with Miss Astrid Salazar from Simadanza. I slowly started participating in more dance lessons at Simadanza, including jazz-ballet, modern dance, street dance and tap dance.

When I went to study abroad, I took some dance lessons too. When I came back to the island, I went back to Simadanza. Now, as an adult, I participated in a few lessons at ArubaSalsa with Miss Melitza Bermudez and I’m currently dancing with Kids and Youth in Action.”

BDA: What did you study?

Farro: “When I was younger, I always wanted to be a dentist. When I finished secondary school, I was drawn out to study dentistry in The Netherlands. During this time, I went to Belgium to study biomedical sciences y obstetrics with the thought that I would be able to study dentistry later. Unfortunately, I was never chosen by the university. After 2 years, I returned to Aruba. This is when I was advised to study Law at the University of Aruba, because it was a very broad study. After I finished my Bachelor of Law, I did my Masters in Taxes at the University of Aruba and Maastricht; totally different from dentistry, but still a study that taught me a lot about our rights on the island.”

BDA: Do you feel that dancing made you the person that you are today?

Farro: “Looking back, I feel that dancing helped me become disciplined, determined and responsible. Dancing taught me to prioritize my time so I can finish my other obligations from school or work before I can dedicate it to dancing. It’s also a time where I can be creative and challenge myself so I can master a certain dance or choreography.”

BDA: you still dance. Is it something you see yourself doing for a long time?

Farro: “I sure hope so! Dancing has and continues to bring joy in my life. I got to know a lot of people through dancing and I’ll always have an admiration for them. During dance lessons, we would always laugh and have a great time. It’s a time where the stresses of everyday life disappear. Dancing has also been proved to reduce the risks for certain chronic illnesses, like dementia. For this reason, I wish to be dancing for many more years, so I can keep the mind and body strong and healthy.”

BDA: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Farro: In 10 years, I hope to still be dancing and be active in the dance and sports world. I hope to be in good health, spending more time with family and friends, and using my life experiences to help and inspire others.” □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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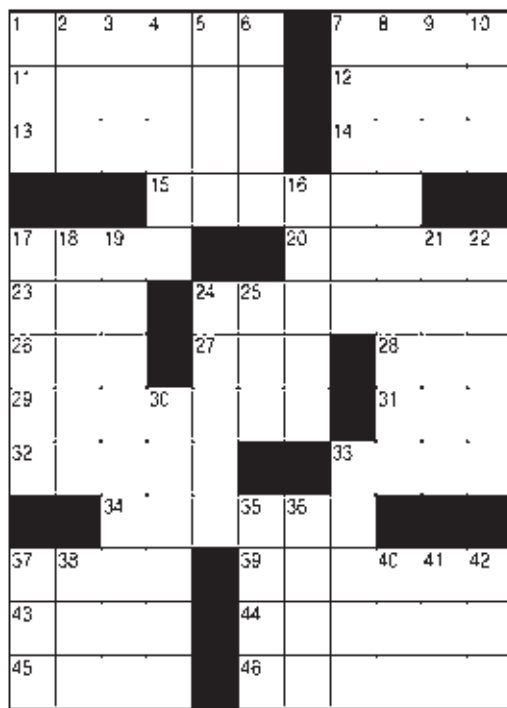
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Why are there so many good TV shows to watch right now?

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Picture May 17, 2001. In the final seconds of the season seven finale of "Friends," Jennifer Aniston's Rachel reveals she's pregnant but who's the father? This was a classic May sweeps cliff-hanger, luring viewers and reaping advertising dollars for NBC. Most shows used to kick off in the fall, air big episodes in November and February, and go out with a bang in May. Baby announcements, marriage proposals and sudden deaths were just a few of the popular plot twists used in spring season finales to hook viewers and build anticipation for the fall season.

Network television still largely follows that model, but the streamers and premium cable competitors of the new guard tend to operate with different goals. Rather than angling for ratings, those companies are releasing new seasons of popular TV shows "Ted Lasso," "Succession," "The Mandalorian," "The Last of Us," and "Yellowjackets" with an eye to Primetime Emmy Award recognition. Everyone wants to be fresh in the minds of voters, said Joyce Eng, a senior editor of the Hollywood awards-centric website Gold Derby. "A lot of networks, stream-



This image released by Apple TV+ shows Jason Sudeikis, from left, James Lance, Brendan Hunt and Brett Goldstein in a scene from "Ted Lasso."

Associated Press

ers and campaigners will capitalize on recency bias," she said. For a TV series to be eligible for a Primetime Emmy, it must air between June 1 and May 31 of the following year. Six episodes of a returning season need to air by May 31 to qualify for a series category. The cast and crew then cross their fingers for nominations, which this year will be announced July 12, followed by the Emmy telecast on September 18, when the awards are handed out. Limited series have to air all their episodes by May

31 in order to be eligible for nomination. In March, Amazon Prime's highly anticipated "Daisy Jones & The Six" dropped its 10 episodes in four batches. It can be a scramble for shows to finish by the end of May: "Ted Lasso" on Apple TV+ drops its final episode of season three, and maybe the entire series, on May 31. The fifth and final season of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" returns to Amazon on April 14 and swiftly wraps by May 26. If a returning series does not release six episodes of its season by the May 31

deadline, the remaining "hanging" episodes can be nominated in categories that only require a single episode to enter, such as guest actor. Season three of "The Handmaid's Tale" premiered June 5, 2019 which was too late for Emmy eligibility that year. Rather than sit the year out though, "they found a loophole," Eng said. They submitted three episodes that had aired in 2018 during the previous season for individual achievement categories, and earned 11 nominations.

When it comes to scheduling, network and streamer executives maintain tight control over the release-date calendar.

"They choose when we go," said Rob Eric, chief creative officer and executive producer of Scout Productions, behind the Emmy-winning reality series "Queer Eye." This year, he has four series premiering right before the deadline.

"We can make suggestions, but really they're in charge of how that rollout looks," he said of the platforms.

Release dates are not always entirely about potential accolades.

"Sometimes a series is released because it's timely and speaks to what's happening in the world," said Tony Phelan, who created "A Small Light" with Joan Rater. The NatGeo series tells the story of Miep Gies, who helped hide Anne Frank and her family.

"It's in direct response to what's happening in the world, specifically in America in terms of division and the rise in nationalism and antisemitism," Phelan said of the show.

Still, to end the show in time for award eligibility, "A Small Light" will release two episodes each week on National Geographic, premiering May 1 and ending May 31. □



Daisy Ridley arrives at the world premiere of "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" on Dec. 16, 2019, in Los Angeles.

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3 new 'Star Wars' movies coming, including Rey's return

By **The Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — For "Star Wars" lovers, new entertainment is a little less far, far away. Lucasfilm announced three new live-action films in the franchise Friday.

The news, which includes the return of Daisy Ridley as Rey in one of the films, was revealed at Star Wars Celebration Europe 2023 in London by Lucasfilm President Kathleen Kennedy and also on the Star Wars

website. Directing the movies will be James Mangold, Dave Filoni and Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy.

Kennedy brought the directors onstage for the announcement.

Mangold's film will return to the dawn of the Jedi. Filoni's will be about the New Republic, and "will close out the interconnected stories told in 'The Mandalorian,' 'The Book of Boba Fett,' 'Ahsoka,' and other Disney+ series," the an-

nouncement said.

Obaid-Chinoy's movie will focus on the events after "The Rise of Skywalker," and feature Ridley back as Rey "as she builds a new Jedi Order."

Mangold directed "Logan" and the upcoming "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny." Filoni helmed "The Mandalorian" and "Ahsoka," and Obaid-Chinoy directed "Ms. Marvel" and "Saving Face." □

PGA and LIV produced a Masters just like any other

By DOUG FERGUSON

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The Masters had eight major champions finish among the top 10 and ties, and where they made a living became a mere footnote when Jon Rahm slipped into the green jacket. For the most part, it was a Masters just like any other. That includes the final hour. As much drama as Augusta National can create, this was the fourth straight year the winner had at least a four-shot lead with four holes to play.

This wasn't the first major with both PGA Tour and LIV Golf players. What caused so much anticipation was the Masters being the first major since the two tours began waging an expensive battle in federal court. And so the Masters became the first look at how the two sides would get along (fine), and how LIV Golf players would fare over 72 holes against a full field (even better).

Brooks Koepka led from the second hole Friday morning until the sixth hole Sunday afternoon until he suffered through an inglorious 22-hole stretch without a birdie, and Rahm shot 69 to win by four.

Koepka tied for second with Phil Mickelson, who amazed yet again with birdies on his last two holes for a 65. It matched his lowest score at Augusta National, the other occasion



Scottie Scheffler sits with Jon Rahm, of Spain, after Rahm won the Masters golf tournament at Augusta National Golf Club on Sunday, April 9, 2023, in Augusta, Ga.

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in 1996 when Tiger Woods was still an amateur. Mickelson is ageless. Patrick Reed tied for fourth, one of only two players at par or better all four rounds. "We're still the same people," Koepka said. "I think that's just manufactured by the media that we can't compete anymore, that we are washed up." Clearly not. And now attentions shift to the PGA Championship five weeks away. The question is not how they will perform but who even gets a chance. The PGA Championship has long billed itself as having the strongest field in golf, which it bases on the world ranking. LIV Golf doesn't

get world ranking points at the moment and the Official World Golf Ranking board doesn't seem to be in a big rush and players will keep sliding into oblivion. Koepka was No. 118 in the world going into the Masters. No one bought that. His runner-up finish moved him to No. 39. No one is buying that, either. Nine players from LIV Golf currently are eligible for Oak Hill in Rochester, New York, through PGA Championship criteria. Eight others currently are in the top 100 at least for now. Among those on the bubble are Cameron Tringale (90) and Jason Kokrak (93), who are likely to fall out by the time

the PGA of America offers invitations. Hardly anyone will notice their absence. Kerry Haigh, the chief championships officer, said the PGA of America would look at other tours, money lists and rankings, just like always. And he said "absolutely" the organization would consider players from LIV Golf. The PGA Championship is the final week before the U.S. Open exempts the top 60 players and the British Open exempts the top 50 from having to qualify. Reed did himself a world of good at Augusta. He moved up to No. 45 from No. 70. The Masters, meanwhile, already released its

tournament qualifications for next year and it includes the top 50 from the world ranking (at the end of the year and a week before the Masters). Augusta National has a seat at the OWGR table.

Of the 18 players from LIV Golf at the Masters this year, as many as eight are unlikely to be return next year, maybe ever.

"I took my parents here because it could be my last one," said Thomas Pieters of Belgium, who decided to join LIV Golf in February. "That's just being realistic. I don't know. Time will tell. We'll see."

Pieters later told The Daily Telegraph: "Hopefully this week was an eye-opener for everybody that this is good for golf. There were three LIV players in the top four here, but there are only three LIV players in the world's top 35. How does that work? Look, you want to play against the best in the world but when the system's rigged or you don't get the best, the product's not going to be as good." Except for the world ranking, the only path back to Augusta National for LIV players is to finish among the top four in the other three majors. For the other three majors, they would have to finish in the top 10 (top 15 for the PGA Championship) to get back the next year (except for qualifying for the two Opens). □

DeMarcus Cousins joins Guaynabo Mets in Puerto Rican league

SAN JUAN (AP) — Former NBA All-Star center DeMarcus Cousins joined the Guaynabo Mets of Puerto Rico's professional basketball league on Tuesday. The Guaynabo Mets said in a statement that the 32-year-old free agent Cousins "still has what it takes to play in the NBA", but "is taking his talents to basketball-crazy Puerto Rico." Details on the contract weren't immediately available.

"DeMarcus is one of the best basketball players of his generation, and from a talent standpoint, he will be one of the best to ever play" in the Puerto Rican league, Mets co-owner Marc Grossman said. "His ability to shoot and stretch the floor should be a great fit." Cousins was the fifth overall pick in the 2010 NBA draft. He most recently played for the Denver Nuggets and Milwaukee Bucks in the 2021-22 season. Cousins

also had stints with the Sacramento Kings, New Orleans Pelicans, Golden State Warriors, Los Angeles Lakers, Houston Rockets and Los Angeles Clippers. Cousins, who played college basketball at Kentucky, averaged 19.6 points and 10.2 rebounds per game during his NBA career. Puerto Rico's league, named Baloncesto Superior Nacional, has brought several former NBA players in recent years. □



Denver Nuggets center DeMarcus Cousins (4) in the first half of an NBA basketball game, April 7, 2022, in Denver.

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Culinary Voyage

Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the mouthwatering creamy Garlic Tarragon Shrimp. You can also opt for a classic French Onion Soup, a Lobster Bisque or the famously Water's Edge House Wedge, a crisp wedge of fresh romaine lettuce topped with homemade blue cheese dressing, diced tomatoes, chopped bacon, caramel-



ized pecans and blue cheese crumbles, drizzled with balsamic reduction. This followed by the Chef's special of seafood such as Fresh salmon filet seasoned and grilled, topped with lemon cilantro butter and served with homemade mashed potatoes and fresh asparagus, a nice plate of Ahi Tuna or a succulent pasta dish like the Florentina Fettuccine Alfredo. Meat Lovers will have their fix with choices of a devourable 22oz. Bone-In "Tomahawk" Rib-Eye, pan seared in garlic infused oil and finished in the oven or our juicy N.Y Strip Loin, seasoned & grilled. All our steaks options are seasoned with a blend of kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Served with homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetables and a choice of red wine reduction, green peppercorn demi glace, mushroom sauce, or bacon blue cheese butter. For extra sides the options are delectable. Fresh asparagus, seasonal vegetables, mashed or baked potatoes, fries

or rice and beans. Combine your personal choice with one of the most exclusive wine from the great selection of international wines to compliment your dish. Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled kids menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests. To end the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness, the desserts are wild. From a piece of coconut flan, NY cheese cake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with chocolate sauce and coffee jelly. Not to mention the fresh and light piece of key lime pie.

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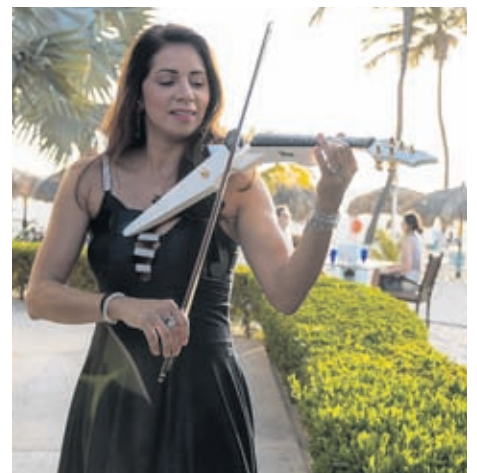
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